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Assemblyman Michael Machado
State Capitol, Room 5136
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Dear Assemblyman Machado:

Subject: Vernalis Adaptive Management Plan (VAMP)

You recently met with Mark Cowin, Dick Daniel, and Stein Buer of my staff to discuss concerns about the Vernalis Adaptive Management Plan and its potential relationship to the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. They discussed with you a number of CALFED Stage 1 Actions which would be likely to significantly improve Delta levees, water quality, stages, circulation, and water supply reliability (Attachment 1).

CALFED would like to continue to explore with you potential assurance mechanisms and agency commitments which would increase the certainty that these actions will move forward expeditiously as proposed in Stage 1, thereby addressing a number of the key concerns of Delta stakeholders in the CALFED process. CALFED would prefer to focus on such assurance mechanisms which will complement progress on VAMP without requiring that this important draft agreement be modified.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input in your review of VAMP and the CALFED process. My staff and I would be pleased to provide any additional information which might be helpful.

Sincerely,

Lester A. Snow
Executive Director

Attachment

CALFED Agencies

California
The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal
Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service